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**Thomas L. Perkins**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1958  
Education: Iowa 1980 BBA; Indiana 1984 JD  
Began Service: July 2000  
Term Expires: 2014

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick (1984-1994); Partner, Quinn, Johnston, Henderson & Pretorius (1994-1998); Partner, Vonachen, Lawless, Trager & Slevin (1998-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Illinois State Bar Association, Commercial Banking and Bankruptcy Section, Real Estate Section

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**William V. Altenberger**  
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: Illinois 1957 BS, 1963 LLB  
Began Service: June 20, 2000  
Term Expires: December 31, 2005

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois; Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) William V. Altenberger, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois

**Legal Practice:** Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick (1964-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1957-1960)

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**Larry Lessen**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Illinois 1960 BAS, 1962 JD  
Began Service: 1973  
Term Expires: December 31, 2005

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Casper Platt, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Illinois (1962-1964)

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) Larry Lessen continued**

**Government:** Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, State of Illinois (1964-1967); Assistant Attorney General, Illinois, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1968-1970); City Attorney, City of Champaign, Illinois (1971-1973)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (1973-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Sebat, Swanson, Banks, Lessen & Garman (1967-1985)

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**Charles P. Kocoras**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: DePaul 1961 BS, 1969 JD  
Began Service: November 24, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Revenue Agent, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1962-1969); Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1971-1977); First Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1975-1977); Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission (1977-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bishop & Crawford (1969-1971); Partner, Stone, McGuire, Benjamin & Kocoras (1979-1980)

**Military Service:** Illinois Army National Guard (1961-1967)

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**Charles Ronald Norgle, Sr.**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
Education: Northwestern 1964 BBA; John Marshall 1969 JD  
Began Service: October 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School; Adjunct Faculty, Northwestern University Law School

**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, State of Illinois (1969-1971); Deputy Public Defender, State of Illinois (1971-1973)

**Judicial:** Associate Judge, DuPage County Court (1973-1977); Judge, Illinois Circuit Court (1977-1984)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1955-1957)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; DuPage Bar Association; Executive Committee for the Northern District of Illinois; Federal Bar Association; Federal Committee on Defender Services; Education Sub-Committee; Illinois Bar Association; Seventh Circuit Judicial Council

**Chambers of District Judge James F. Holderman**

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**James F. Holderman**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Illinois 1968 BS, 1971 JD  
Began Service: May 1, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, John Marshall Law School; Adjunct Faculty, University of Chicago Law School

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1972-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal (1978-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; National Institute for Trial Advocacy

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**James B. Zagel**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Chicago 1962 BA, 1962 MA; Harvard 1965 JD  
Began Service: 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Lecturer, Northwestern University School of Law (1968)

**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, State of Illinois (1965-1969); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977); Chief Prosecuting Attorney, Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board (1973-1975); Chief Assistant Attorney General, Illinois, United States Department of Justice (1975); Executive Director, Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (1977-1979); Director, Department of Revenue, State of Illinois (1979-1980); Chairman, Governor's Advisory Council on Criminal Justice Legislation (1980-1987); Director, Illinois State Police (1980-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Chicago Bar Association

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